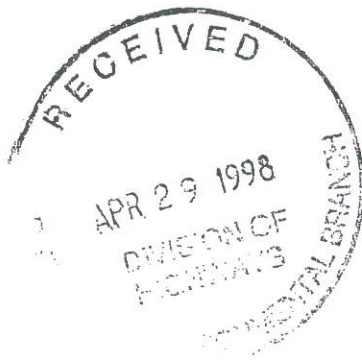




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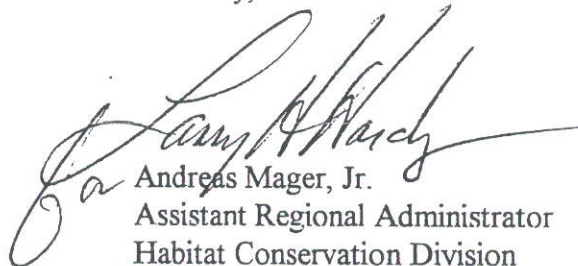
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Dear Mr. Vick:

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has reviewed the Federal Environmental Assessment (EA) for US 70, Havelock Bypass, Craven County, North Carolina, State Project No. 8.T170701 Federal Aid Project No. STP-NHF-F-56-4(34), TIP ID No. R-1015. The EA addresses the environmental impacts associated with the North Carolina Department of Transportation's planned US 70 Bypass of Havelock, North Carolina.

NMFS trust resources and the proposed project's potential impacts on these resources are adequately addressed in the EA. Therefore, we have no comments.

Sincerely,



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